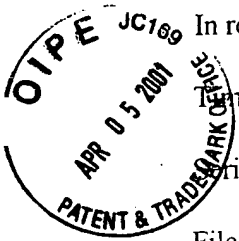


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In re Application of:

Timothy A. Wurtz and Ronald D. Wurtz

Dated: March 29, 2001

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For : FLOOR JOIST RETAINER AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONDING TO THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION
DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2000**

It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application dated September 29, 2000, now set to expire on November 29, 2000 be extended an additional four (4) months so as to expire on March 29, 2001 making a total response time of only six (6) months.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$1,275.00 to cover the required extension fee, filing fee and surcharge. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, BOX MISSING PARTS, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 29, 2001.

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